



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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Cynthia Mickelson, Treasurer
Friends of John Thune
P.O. Box 841
Sioux Falls, SD 57101

Response Due Date:
July 7, 2008

Identification Number: C00409581

Reference: April Quarterly Report (1/1/08 – 3/31/08)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Senate Public Records Office by the response date noted above. Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 3 items:

1. Commission Regulations define the term "purpose" to mean a brief statement or description of why a disbursement was made. Examples are "dinner expense," "media," "salary," "polling," "travel," "party fees," "phone banks," "travel expenses," "travel expense reimbursement," and "catering costs." Examples of election day and voter registration activity include "exit polling," "door-to-door get out the vote," "get out the vote phone calls," and "driving voters to the polls." Unacceptable descriptions, which require additional clarification, include but are not limited to "advarice," "consulting," "political consulting," "commission," "contract labor," "retainer," "election day expense," "expenses," "invoice," "support," "expense reimbursement," "miscellaneous," "professional services," "get-out-the-vote," "voter registration," "event," "event expense," "event fees," "mementos" and "research". (11 CFR § 104.3(b)(4)(A))

Additional clarification regarding inadequate purposes of disbursement published in the Federal Register can be found at http://www.fec.gov/law/policy/purposeofdisbursement/inadequate_purpose_list_3507.pdf. Please amend Schedule B of your report to correct the descriptions that do not meet the requirements of the Regulations.

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2. Please be advised that contributions to other committees or charitable organizations are not operating expenditures. These amounts should be disclosed on Line 21 of the Detailed Summary Page information and itemized on a separate Schedule B. (11 CFR § 104.3(b)(2))

3. Contributions from individuals and persons other than political committees must be itemized when the aggregate total from the contributor exceeds \$200 in an election cycle. This means that the committee does not have a reporting requirement of a contribution until the aggregate total exceeds the \$200 threshold. (2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(3)) Should a committee wish to disclose contributions that do not require itemization, it must do so on a separate Schedule A and report the total amount of the contributions not requiring itemization on Line 11(a)(ii), unitemized contributions, of the Detailed Summary Page information. (11 CFR § 104.3(a)(4)(i))

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problems should be filed with the Senate Public Records Office. Please contact the Senate Public Records Office at (202) 224-0322 for instructions on how and where to file an amendment. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1168.

Sincerely,



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